

**Division of Library and Information Services
Summer Library Reading Partnership Pilot
Participant Information**

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Project Action Plan – description of project activities (use additional space if needed)

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Budget – breakdown of how money will be spent in salaries, contractual services, library materials, supplies, travel, equipment, other (use additional space if needed)

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Typed Name and Signature of Library Director

May 7, 2003
Date

Reading Scores!
LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library

PROJECT ACTION PLAN

Project Overview

Reading Scores! is a program targeting third graders who have received Level 1 reading scores in the Florida Comprehensive Achievement Test (FCAT) and will therefore be retained in grade. The goal of this program is to create and encourage life-long readers. We will do this by providing parent education on the importance of reading and providing the children an opportunity to read high interest, age-appropriate books.

Action Plan

Reading Scores! will have two parts. The first phase will be timed to coincide with the Leon County School District's Reading Academy schedule, approximately mid-June through mid-July. During this phase we will target the parents of children enrolled in the Reading Academy through a series of weekly, 1-hour parent-education programs offered at the Main library and the Dr. B.L. Perry, Jr. Branch Library. During each program parents will receive information about library services, be encouraged to apply for library cards and will receive guidance on choosing books for their children. A video will be shown on how to establish a love of reading at home. Each parent or set of parents attending a program will receive a reference book for their home library.

The second phase of the program will target the students. The Leon County Reading Academy will provide the students intense reading instruction. After the Reading Academy ends and for the last four weeks of summer vacation, *Reading Scores!* will provide the students reading practice and expose them to great children's books. Students will be invited to participate in regular, weekly reading sessions to be held at the Main library and the B. L. Perry, Jr. Branch Library. Reading sessions will be held twice weekly, for 1 hour. Students will meet with a volunteer tutor in groups of three students to one tutor. The reading session will consist of children taking turns reading a high-interest book, at their reading level, to provide reading practice. The last 15 minutes of each session will be devoted to an ongoing story read aloud by the tutor. The read-aloud portion of the session aims to expose the children to exciting books that are beyond their reading level but at their interest level.

Enrollment for the student portion of this program will be limited to 60-100 students, depending on the number of volunteers we are able to recruit. Volunteer recruitment will be done through Americorps, the Leon County Reading Council, the Leon County Volunteer Center (Volunteer Leon), and area high schools. All volunteers will attend a training/orientation session provided by two paid reading specialists with experience working with third-grade children.

Parents will be required to commit to bringing their children to the schedule session throughout the four-week period. Afternoon, evening and Saturday sessions will be set-up to accommodate the different schedules of working parents. The Boys & Girls Club of the Big Bend have agreed to coordinate transportation of eligible students from their summer program to the library.

Reading incentives such as books, pencils and bookmarks will be given to all children participating in the reading sessions, as encouragement and to reward their reading progress. Excellent children's books will be selected by the Library's Youth Services staff for this program. The staff will make book recommendations for both children and tutors, select books for the tutoring sessions and select books to be purchased through the grant for giveaways. Approximately 300 books will be purchased for giveaways to the students, 200 books for giveaways to parents, and 200 books will be purchased to supplement the library collection.

Budget

Books	\$ 6400.00
Promotional materials (bookmarks, bags, pencils, etc.)	\$ 500.00
Reading consultants	\$ 600.00
Total	\$ 7500.00